

Interpreter Reading List

Denali National Park & Preserve

The Basics

If you read nothing else, read these.

Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild.....	William E. Brown
Mammals of Denali.....	Adolph Murie
Guide to the Birds of Alaska.....	Robert H. Armstrong
Wildflowers of Denali National Park.....	Verna Pratt & Frank Pratt
Western Boreal Forest & Aspen Parkland.....	Johnson, Kershaw, MacKinnon, & Pojar
Tundra	April Pulley Sayre
Taiga.....	April Pulley Sayre
The Geology of Denali National Park.....	Michael Collier
The Denali Road Guide.....	Kris Kapps
Denali Trails: Entrance Area Hiking.....	Sheri Forbes
Earth in Mind: On Education, the Environment & the Human Prospect.....	David Orr

Denali National Park

General:

In Denali.....	Kim Heacox
Denali CD-ROM	ANHA/Cordillera Group
Denali: The Story Behind the Scenery	K.C.Publications
Denali Wilderness (video).....	National Park Service
Heartbeats of Denali (video)	National Park Service
Alaska's Wild Denali (video).....	Alaska Video Postcards
For Denali's management documents, see	nps.gov/dena/parkmgmt/managementdocs.htm

Plant Life

Taiga:

Taiga.....	April Pulley Sayre
Alaska's Forests & Wildlife	Alaska Department of Fish & Game

Tundra:

Tundra	April Pulley Sayre
One Small Square: Arctic Tundra	Donald M. Silver
Arctic & Alpine Environments.....	Jack D. Ives & Roger G. Barry
Alaska's Tundra & Wildlife	Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Arctic Adaptations in Plants.....	D.B.O. Savile

Medicinal & Edible Plants:

Alaska's Wilderness Medicines	Eleanor Viereck
Discovering Wild Plants.....	Janice Schofield
Tanaina Plantlore	Priscilla Russell Kari
Wild Edible & Poisonous Plants of Alaska.....	Christine Heller

Guidebooks:

Wildflowers of Denali National Park	Verna Pratt & Frank Pratt
Western Boreal Forest & Aspen Parkland.....	Johnson, Kershaw, MacKinnon & Pojar
Flora of Alaska.....	Eric Hultén

Miscellaneous:

Alaska Trees & Shrubs.....	Leslie A. Viereck
Alaska's Mushrooms.....	Harriette Parker
The World of Northern Evergreens	E.C. Pielou

Wildlife

General:

Animals of the North.....	William O. Pruitt
Wildlife of the North	Steven Kazlowski
Animals of the Arctic: Ecology of the Far North	Bernard Stonehouse
Mammals of Denali	Adolph Murie
Alaska's Wildlife	Tom Walker
Portrait of Alaska's Wildlife	Tom Walker

Tracking:

Animal Tracks of Alaska.....	Chris Stall
Tracking and the Art of Seeing	Paul Rezendes
Animal Tracks of Alaska.....	Ian Sheldon
Peterson's Field Guides: Animal Tracks	Olaus J. Murie
A Field Guide to Mammal Tracking in N. America.....	James Halfpenny
Mammal Tracks and Sign.....	Mark Elbroch

Bears:

No Room for Bears	Frank Dufresne
The Grizzlies of Mt. McKinley	Adolph Murie
Field Guide to the Grizzly Bear.....	Lance Olsen
Bear Attacks: Their Causes and Avoidance	Stephen Herrero
The Great Bear Almanac	Gary Brown
Alaska's Grizzlies (video).....	Alaska Video Postcards
Backcountry Bear Basics.....	Dave Smith
Where the Grizzly Walks	Bill Schneider
Alaska's Bears of the North	Steven Kazlowski
Bears of Alaska	Erwin & Peggy Bauer
Alaska's Bears, Pocket Guide	Bill Sherwonit

Wolves:

Wolves: Behavior, Ecology and Conservation.....	Mech and Boitani, eds.
Ecology and Conservation of Wolves in a Changing World.....	Carbyn et al., eds.
Wolves, Bears and Their Prey in Alaska.....	National Research Council
Of Wolves and Men	Barry Lopez
The Wolves of Mt. McKinley	Adolph Murie
The Wolves of Denali	L. David Mech, et al.
The Wolf: Ecology & Behavior of an Endangered Species	L. David Mech
A Society of Wolves: National Parks & the Battle Over the Wolf	Rick McIntyre
The Company of Wolves.....	Peter Steinhart
Wolves	Candace Savage
North to Wolf Country	James W. Brooks

Fox:

The World of the Fox	Rebecca Grambo
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Beavers:

Beaver Behavior: Architect of Fame & Bane	Morrell Allred
In Beaver World	Enos A. Mills
The World of the Beaver	Leonard Lee Rue III
Beavers: Where Waters Run	Paul Strong

Porcupines:

The World of the Porcupine	David E. Costello
The North American Porcupine.....	Uldis Rose

Birds:

The Sibley Filed Guide to Birds of Western North America.....	David Allen Sibley
The Sibley Guide to Birds.....	David Allen Sibley
Sibley's Birding Basics	David Allen Sibley
Birds of Denali	McIntyre/Eagleson/Seegert
The Birders' Handbook	Paul R. Ehrlich, David S Dobkin & Darryl Wheye
Field Guide to the Birds of North America	National Geographic
Guide to the Birds of Alaska	Robert H. Armstrong

Wildlife: Birds, continued...

Songs & Calls of AK Birds (CD)	AK Bird Observatory
Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior	David Allen Sibley
The Migrations of Birds	Jean Dorst
Life Histories of North American Birds	Arthur Cleveland Bent
Bird Brains: The Intelligence of Crows, Ravens, Magpies & Jays	Candace Savage
Ravens in Winter	Bernd Heinrich
The Mind of the Raven	Bernd Heinrich
The Cry of the Sandhill Crane	Steve Grooms
Loon Magic	Tom Klein
Living on the Wind	Scott Weidensaul
The Wind Masters: The Lives of North American Birds of Prey	Pete Dunne
Hawks in Flight	Pete Dunne
Raptors: Birds of Prey	John Hendrickson
Alaska Owlmanac	AK Dept of Fish & Game

Caribou:

Caribou and the Barren Lands	George Calef
Moose, Caribou & Muskox	Alaska Geographic
Caribou, Wanderer of the Tundra	Tom Walker

Moose:

Moose, Caribou & Muskox	Alaska Geographic
Wild Moose Country	Paul Strong
In the Company of Moose	Victor VanBallenberghe

Sheep:

Mountain Sheep of North America	Raul Valdez
The Wolves of Mount McKinley	Adolph Murie
Dall Sheep. Alaska Notebook Series	Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

Earth Sciences

Geology:

The Geology of Denali National Park	Michael Collier
A Geologic Guide to Mt. McKinley National Park	Wyatt G. Gilbert
The Geology and Glacial History of Denali N.P. & Vicinity	Phil Brease & Alison Till
Geology of National Parks	Ann Harris & Esther Tuttle
The Geology of North America: Vol. G-1, The Geology of Alaska	The Geological Society of America
Roadside Geology of Alaska	Cathy Connor & Daniel O'Hare

Glaciers:

Living Ice	Robert P. Sharp
Glaciers	Robert P. Sharp
Blue Ice in Motion	Sally Wiley
The Geology and Glacial History of Denali N.P. & Vicinity	Phil Brease & Alison Till
Glaciers	Michael Hambrey & Jürg Alean
Glaciers of North America: A Field Guide	Sue A. Ferguson
Alaska's Glaciers	Alaska Geographic
Glacier Ice	Austin Post
Sculpted by Ice: Glaciers and the Alaska Landscape	Michael Collier
Glaciers: Alaska's Rivers of Ice (video)	USGS

Northern Lights/Aurora Borealis:

The Aurora Watcher's Handbook	Neil Davis
Understanding the Aurora	UAF Geophysical Institute
Aurora Borealis: The Amazing Northern Lights	Alaska Geographic
Aurora: Mysterious Northern Lights	Candace Savage
Northern Lights: The Science, Myth & Wonder of Aurora Borealis	George Bryson
Aurora: A Celebration of the Northern Lights	Cary Anderson & Dave Parkhurst
Alaska's Spectacular Aurora	Todd Salat
The Aurora Explained (video)	University of Alaska
Aurora: Rivers of Light in the Sky (video)	Alaska Video Postcards

Ecology

Alaska Natural History, General:

After the Ice Age:

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| The Return of Life to Glaciated N. America | E.C. Pielou |
| Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic..... | E.C. Pielou |
| The Ice Age History of Alaska National Parks | Scott A. Elias |
| The Great Alaska Nature Factbook | Susan Ewing |
| Alaska Science Nuggets | Neil Davis |
| Alaska Park Science (Volume 5, Issues 1 and 2) | National Park Service, Denali Resource Mgmt |
| Northern Ethnographic Landscapes:
Perspectives from Circumpolar Nations..... | Krupnik, Mason & Horton |

Fire:

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| Effects of Fire in Alaska and Adjacent Canada..... | Leslie Viereck |
| A Test of Adversity and Strength: Wildland Fire in the
National Park System | Hal K. Rothman |

Arctic & Subarctic/Winter:

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| Winter: An Ecological Guide | James C. Halfpenny & Roy Douglas Ozanne |
| A Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic..... | E.C. Pielou |
| Alaska's Ecology | Alaska Department of Fish & Game |
| Boreal Ecology..... | William O. Pruitt |
| Animals of the Arctic: Ecology of the Far North | Bernard Stonehouse |
| Life in the Cold | Peter Marchand |
| Winter World: The Ingenuity of Animal Survival | Bernd Heinrich |
| Snow Sense | Jill Fredston |

Why Do We Need...Intact Ecosystems, Biodiversity, Wilderness, National Parks?

The Sinking Ark:

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| A New Look at the Problem of Disappearing Species | Norman Myers |
| Why Big, Fierce Animals are Rare..... | Paul Colinvaux |
| Deep Ecology: Living as If Nature Mattered | Bill Devall & George Sessions |
| Preserving Nature in the National Parks..... | Richard West Sellars |
| The Idea of Wilderness | Max Oelschlaeger |
| Wilderness & the American Mind..... | Roderick Nash |
| Large Carnivores and the Conservation of Biodiversity | Ray et al., eds. |
| Monster of God | David Quammen |
| Where Mountains are Nameless | Jonathan Waterman |
| This Last Treasure: Alaska National Parklands..... | William E. Brown |
| Northern Landscapes: The Struggle for Wilderness Alaska..... | Daniel Nelson |
| Visions of a Wild America | Kim Heacox |
| An American Idea: The Making of the National Parks | Kim Heacox |
| Sold American..... | Donald Craig Mitchell |
| Take My Life, Take My Land | Donald Craig Mitchell |
| National Parks: The American Experience | Alfred Runte |
| Seeking Awareness in American Nature Writing..... | Scott Slovic |
| Geography of Childhood..... | Gary Nabhan |
| Last Child in the Woods..... | Richard Louv |
| The Practice of the Wild..... | Gary Snyder |
| Another Turn of the Crank | Wendell Berry |
| The Enduring Wilderness..... | Doug Scott |

Human History

Denali Park - 20th Century:

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| Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild..... | William E. Brown |
| Crown Jewel of the North: Administrative History of
Denali National Park & Preserve, Volume 1, 2006..... | Frank Norris, NPS |
| Kantishna: Mushers, Miners, Mountaineers, the Story | |
| Behind Mt. McKinley National Park, 2005..... | Tom Walker |
| Kantishna Mushers, Miners, Mountaineers | Tom Walker |
| In the Shadow of Mt. McKinley..... | William N. Beach |

Human History: Denali Park – 20th Century, continued...

Changing Tracks: Predators and Politics in

Mt. McKinley National Park, 2001	Timothy Rawson
My Life of High Adventure.....	Grant Pearson
A History of Mt. McKinley N.P.	Grant Pearson
The Wilderness of Denali.....	Charles Sheldon
The Wilderness of the Southwest (has great bio. of Sheldon).....	Charles Sheldon
Searching for Fanny Quigley	Jane Haigh
A Naturalist in Alaska	Adolph Murie
From Myth to Reality	Gail Evans
Land Use in the North Additions of DNP&P:	
An Historical Perspective	Schneider, Gudgel-Holmes & Dalle-Molle
Mt. McKinley: The Pioneer Climbs (Short bio. of Karstens in back)	Terris Moore
Mt. McKinley: Icy Crown of North America.....	Fred Becky
Alaska's Wolf Man, Frank Glaser.....	Jim Rearden

Alaska:

Two in the Far North	Margaret Murie
Interior Alaska.....	Robert Thorson
ALASKA: Saga of a Bold Land.....	Walter R. Borneman
Alaska's History, Pocket guide	Harry Ritter
Gold Rush Women	Claire Rudolf Murphy

Dog Mushing:

Ten Thousand Miles With a Dog Sled	Hudson Stuck
A Dog Team Runs Through It (video)	NPS
Winter Patrol: Denali by Dog Sled (video)	NPS
The Sled Dogs of Denali National Park	Karen Fortier

Alaska Native History/Culture/Anthropology:

Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild.....	William E. Brown
Dichinanek' Hwt'ana: A History of the People of the Upper Kuskokwim Who Live in Nikolai and Telida, Alaska.....	Raymond L. Collins (Ask Ann Kain)
Make Prayers to the Raven.....	Richard K. Nelson
The Athabaskans: People of the Boreal Forest.....	Richard K. Nelson
Hunters of the Northern Forest.....	Richard K. Nelson
Tracks in the Wildland	Richard K. Nelson, Kathleen H. Mautner & G. Ray Bane
Athapaskan Adaptations.....	James W. Van Stone
Land Use in the North Additions of DNP&P:	
An Historical Perspective	Schneider, Gudgel-Holmes & Dalle-Molle
Shadows on the Koyukuk.....	Sidney Huntington as told to Jim Reardon
The Native People of Alaska.....	Steve J. Langdon
Inhabited Wilderness:	
Indians, Eskimos, and National Parks in Alaska	Theodore Catton
Arctic Village	Robert Marshall
Native People and Languages of Alaska (map).....	Todd Communications
American Beginnings.....	Ed. Frederick West
Quest for the Origins of the First Americans	E. Jane Dixon
Growing Up Native in Alaska	Alexandra J. McClanahan
Cold River Spirits.....	Jan Harper-Haines
Raising Ourselves.....	Velma Wallis
Alaska Native Ways	Roy Corral
Another Culture/Another World.....	Father Michael Oleksa
Howard Luke: My Own Trail.....	Luke & Steinbright Jackson

Mountaineering:

The Conquest of Mount McKinley.....	Belmore Browne
Mt. McKinley: Icy Crown of North America.....	Fred Becky
The Ascent of Denali.....	Hudson Stuck
Climbing Denali	Bill Sherwonit
Surviving Denali	Jonathan Waterman
In the Shadow of Denali.....	Jonathan Waterman
Mt. McKinley: The Pioneer Climbs	Terris Moore
Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild.....	William E. Brown

Human History: Mountaineering, continued...

To the Top of Denali	Bill Sherwonit
Alaska Ascents	Bill Sherwonit
Climbing Alaska.....	Alaska Geographic
Minus 148°	Art Davidson
Mount McKinley: The Conquest of Denali.....	Bradford Washburn
Mount McKinley: Icy Crown of North America.....	Fred Beckey
17 Days, A Denali Diary (video).....	KAKM Videos
Ways to the Sky:	
A Historical Guide to North American Mountaineering	Andy Selters
Mt. McKinley's West Buttress	Bradford Washburn
Climb Denali	Laurent Dick
Alaska: A Climbing Guide	Mike Wood, Colby Coombs
The Dishonorable Dr. Cook	Washburn and Cherici
Staying Alive in Avalanche Terrain	Bruce Tremper

Transportation:

Across Time & Tundra (17-minute tourism history video).....	Jane Bryant & Jane Ahern
From Myth to Reality.....	Gail Evans
Denali: Symbol of the Alaskan Wild.....	William E. Brown
Transportation in Alaska's Past.....	Alaska Historical Society

Subsistence:

Subsistence Resource Use in the Proposed North	
Additions to Mt. McKinley N.P.	Richard H. Bishop
Land Use in the North Additions of DNP&P:	
An Historical Perspective	National Park Service
Alaska Subsistence: A National Park Service Management	
History	Frank Norris (NPS)
Dichinanek' Hwt'ana: A History of the People of the Upper	
Kuskokwim Who Live in Nikolai and Telida, Alaska.....	Raymond L. Collins

Miscellaneous

Native Alaskan Tales:

The Raven and the Totem	John E. Smelcer
Raven Tales	Peter Goodchild
Two Old Women.....	Velma Wallis
Tales from the Dena	Frederica De Laguna & Dale DeArmond
Bird Girl	Velma Wallis
K"etetaalkkaabee: The One Who Paddled Among the People	Catherine Attla
As My Grandfather Told It	Catherine Attla
Tanaina Tales from Alaska.....	Bill Vaudrin
In the Shadows of Mountains	John E. Smelcer

Quotable Quotes/Arctic Anecdotes:

Things Precious and Wild: A Book of Nature Quotations	John K. Terres
The Earth Speaks.....	Steve Van Matre & Bill Weiler
The Collected Poems of Robert Service.....	Robert Service
Minus 31° and the Wind Blowing	9 different authors
New and Selected Poems of Mary Oliver	Mary Oliver

A Feel For Alaska:

Trapline Twins	Julie & Miki Collins
Riding the Wild Side of Denali	Miki & Julie Collins
The Way Winter Comes	Sherry Simpson
The Wilderness of Denali.....	Charles Sheldon
Two in the Far North	Margaret Murie
Journeys to the Far North	Olaus Murie
A Naturalist in Alaska	Adolph Murie
The Life I've Been Living	Moses Cruikshank
My Life of High Adventure.....	Grant Pearson
Denali Journal	Tom Walker
Old Yukon.....	James Wickersham

Miscellaneous: A Feel For Alaska, continued...

Last New Land: Stories of Alaska.....	Wayne Mergler, editor
Readers Companion to Alaska	Ed. Alan Ryan
Winterdance	Gary Paulson
Arctic Dreams	Barry Lopez
Shadows on the Koyukuk.....	Sidney Huntington
Arctic Dance: The Mardy Murie Story	Charles Craighead
Our Alaska	Ed. Mike Doogan
Denali: A Literary Anthology	Ed. Bill Sherwonit
Last New Land	Ed. Wayne Mergler
Reader's Companion to Alaska.....	Ed. Alan Ryan
The Stars, the Snow, the Fire	John Haines
Coming Into the Country.....	John McPhee
Travels in Alaska.....	John Muir
Exploring the Unknown	Bradford Washburn
The Accidental Adventurer	Barbara Washburn
A Schoolteacher in Old Alaska	Jane Jacobs

Art:

Sydney Laurence: Painter of the North	Kesler E. Woodward
Alaskan Field Sketches	Ed. Elizabeth Berry
Hands on Alaska (children's crafts)	Yvonne Y. Merril
A Special Gift: The Kutchin Beadwork Tradition.....	Duncan & Carney

Backcountry Ethics:

Backcountry Companion.....	Jon Nierenberg
Leave No Trace: Alaska Tundra Outdoor Skills & Ethics	NOLS
Leave No Trace: Guide to the New Wilderness Ethic	Annette McGivney
NOLS Wilderness Guide.....	Mark Harvey

Other:

National Park Ranger: An American Icon.....	Charles Farabee
John Muir: Nature's Visionary.....	Gretel Ehrlich
Earth in Mind: On Education, Environment, and the Human Prospect	David Orr